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RECOMMENDATIONS ON EDUCATION HEARS COMPLAINTS

AGAINST CHILE, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND

UKRAINE

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1. COMMITTEE HEARD NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS BROUGHT AGAINST CHILE BY WORLD FEDERATION OF TEACHERS UNIONS FOR VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE INCLUDED CONCERN FOR HELATH OF FOUR PRISONERS, THE PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN LITERATURE, THE WITHDRAWAL OF LEGAL STATUS OF SEVERAL TEACHERS UNIONS FOR ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, AND THE ARREST, DETENTION, AND DISAPPEARANCE OF UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

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2. CHILEAN REP PRESENTED SUMMARY REFUTATION FOR EACH SET OF ALLEGATIONS, AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS MOSTLY FROM SOVIET AND CUBAN REPS WHO USED THEM TO LAUNCH ROUTINE POLEMICAL DIATRIBES. THIS DILUTED IMPACT OF DISCUSSION OF SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS LONG LIST OF "MISSING PERSONS." NORWEGIAN DELEGATE DREW COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO UNDERLYING ISSUES MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY BY RECOUNTING FINDINGS OF RECENT NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO CHILE THAT ACTUAL SITUATION HAS NOT IMPROVED SINCE LAST COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND IS STILL ONE OF SYSTEMATIC VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. CUBAN DELEGATE BLUNTLY REFUSED TO REPLY TO THE SINGLE ALLEGATION BROUGHT AGAINST CUBA, WHICH INVOLVED INCARCERATION OF STUDENT IN 1960 FOR 30-YEAR TERM. HE LINKED CHARGE TO INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF BLACKMAIL, PRESSURE, AND TERRORISM, LED BY THE UNITED STATES, TO DIVIDE AND DESTROY UNESCO. HE STATED THAT UNTIL THIS CAMPAIGN WAS HALTED, CUBA WOULD NOT RESPOND TO "LIES" (I.E. CASES IN QUESTION) AIMED AGAINST IT.

4. CZECH AMBASSADOR (ACCREDITED TO FRANCE) ALSO REFUSED REPLY TO ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS WHICH INCLUDED SEIZURE OF MANUSCRIPTS AND JAILINGS AND OTHER HARRASSMENT OF 5 CZECH INTELLECTUALS. HE CALLED COMPLAINTS "SLANDEROUS," AND REGRETTED THAT UNESCO HAD ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE USED IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CARNEIRO IMMEDIATELY AND EFFECTIVELY PROTESTED SECRETARIAT'S ABSOLUTE NEUTRALITY.)

5. ONE ALLEGATION WAS BROUGHT AGAINST UKRAINE. UKRAINIAN DELGATE OPENLY DEFENDED STATE'S INCARCERATION OF UKRAINIAN INTELLECTUAL WHO HAD DEFENDED "UKRAINIAN NATIONALISM" AND WHO HAD PREPARED "NATIONALISTIC" LITERATURE FOR DISTRIBUTION. LINKING CASE TO HITLERITE FACISM, DELEGATE INSISTED THAT STATE MORALLY AND LEGALLY JUSTIFIED TO FORBID IDEAS AND OPINIONS WHICH UNDERMINE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORDER.

6. DAY'S DELIBERATIONS WERE AGAIN SKILFULLY MANAGED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CARNEIRO, WHICH FOR FIRST TIME FOUND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BLOC COUNTRIES ON CARPET BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH THEY SQUIRMD AND BLUSTERED IN THIS UNFAMILIAR POSITION, FACT THAT THEY APPEARED AT SESSIONS, AND DID NOT WALK OUT, WAS INTERPRETED BY SOME DELEGATES (PROBABLY WISTFULLY) AND INDICATION THEY MAY HAVE BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND NECESSITY FOR MORE UNDERSTANDING AND EVEN-HANDED APPROACH IN UNESCO.

7. WITH ONLY ONE MORE CASE TO BE HEARD, THAT OF BUKOVSKY WHICH IS DIRECTED AGAINST USSR, CONSIDERATIONS OF SPECIFIC CASES WILL PROBABLY BE WRAPPED UP MORNING SESSION OF SEPT 23. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOLD MEMBERS HE WILL ASK EXBD TO DECIDE DURING SPECIAL PRIVATE SESSION ON OCT 1 WHETHER IT WOULD PREFER OPEN OR PRIVATE SESSION TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT.RUSH

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